**American Government**

**Electing the President: The Electoral College**

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***Instructions: Read the sections in Topic 11 on the Electoral College and its Flaws (the last 3 sections in Topic 11). Answer the following questions.***

**1. Read this statement: “The counting of electoral votes is nothing but a**

**ceremonial duty.” Based on what you have learned from your reading, is**

**this statement a fact, an opinion, or a reasoned judgment? Explain.**

**2. When partisan politics are prevalent, what are some issues involved in**

**throwing a presidential election to the House of Representatives?**

**3. How do States’ rights figure into the electoral college debate?**

**4. What evidence do the defenders of the electoral college give to support**

**their claim that fears about the system are exaggerated?**